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World Opium Situation Report: Distribution  
 Within Government for Official Use - ACTION MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS

THROUGH: S/S

FROM: S/NM - Harvey R. Wellman

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DISCUSSION

The Interagency Working Group, under the leadership of BNDD and CIA and with assistance from other members, has been working on a comprehensive report on the World Opium Situation. An earlier draft was circulated at the meeting in October 1970 of the NATO Committee on Challenges of Modern Society (CCMS). That draft has been revised, re-fined and supplemented and is now ready in the form attached for printing and appropriate distribution within the government.

This Report is based on the best information available to the United States Government at this time. Although many of the estimates and findings are necessarily tentative, the Report would be a valuable resource document for official use within the Executive Branch, for the Congress and in the Foreign Service.

It is not proposed that the study be published or released on an unrestricted basis outside the government. The Report necessarily identifies countries where there is illicit production or processing and through which the illicit traffic passes. As was demonstrated at the CCMS meeting, certain foreign governments involved resent this kind of publicity.

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On the other hand, it is recognized that wider distribution of the Report within the executive and legislative branches, though restricted to official use, creates the risk of leakage of the Report or parts thereof to the press and to foreign governments. In the interest of maximum utilization of the study, I recommend that this risk be taken.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That you approve transmittal of the Report to the White House Task Force on Heroin, in accordance with the terms of the transmittal memorandum attached.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

2. That you approve distribution of the Report within the Executive Branch and the Congress on a restricted basis, for official use and not for publication.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure:

Report with transmittal  
memorandum.

Clearances:	NEA/RA	-	Mr. Schiff
	EA/RA	-	Mr. Vandiver
	EUR/RPM	-	Mr. Berlind
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